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To all residents [REZIDENTY]<sup>a</sup>.

From 1 May[,] instead of the method of setting up the indicator group [POKAZATEL'NAYA GRUPPA] in effect at the present time, for the determination [or: definition; that is: identification] of the deciphering table [PERECHISL'NOVAL'NAYA TABELITSA]<sup>b</sup> enter [or: write (down)] in clear [OTKRYTO] at the beginning of the cipher text the first group of the table (the first indicator group<sup>c</sup>) with which the leaf of the pad [LIST KLONNOTA] on the occasion<sup>d</sup> begins. The decipherment itself begins with the second group of the table. At the end of the cipher text enter, likewise in clear, the group following upon the last used group of the gamma [GAMA]<sup>e</sup> (the second indicator group). If the decipherment ends with the last group of a table, enter the first group of the following table,

[36 groups on a depth of 1, 31 groups  
unmatched]

\*Sent to Habana, Mexico, New York, Ottawa, San Francisco (no others found).

<sup>a</sup>Chiefs of NKGB agent systems abroad.

<sup>b</sup>Table of additive key [GAMA], each such table being on one leaf [LIST] of a pad [KLONNOT], whence table [TABELITSA] and leaf [LIST] (often referred to in AFSA as "page", since each leaf is printed on only one side) are up to a certain point interchangeable. (The table is what is written or printed on the leaf.) It is called "deciphering" because it is used in a second encrypting process (the first here being encipherment with the code book).

<sup>c</sup>That is: now this will be the first indicator group.

<sup>d</sup>That is: the leaf about to be used on the respective occasion (?).

<sup>e</sup>Additive key.

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